

**Version with markings to show changes made**

Claims 8-29 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a poly- or oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least about 80% sequence identity with amino acids 25 to 236 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
  - (b) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least about 80% sequence identity with amino acids 25 to 214 of SEQ ID NO: 1;
  - (c) a polynucleotide encoding amino acids 25 to 236 of SEQ ID NO: 1, or a transmembrane domain deleted or inactivated variant thereof;
  - (d) a polynucleotide hybridizing under stringent conditions with the complement of the coding region of SEQ ID NO: 2, and encoding a polypeptide having at least one biological activity of the polypeptide encoded by clone P00188\_D12 (SEQ ID NO: 2);
  - (e) a polynucleotide encoding at least about 50 contiguous amino acids from amino acids 25 to 214 of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein said polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide having at least one biological activity of the polypeptide encoded by clone P00188\_D12 (SEQ ID NO: 2);
  - (f) a polynucleotide encoding at least about 50 contiguous amino acids from amino acids 25 to 236 of SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein said polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide having at least one biological activity of the polypeptide encoded by clone P00188\_D12 (SEQ ID NO: 2);
  - (g) a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 2; and
  - (h) the complement of a polynucleotide of (a) – (g)[; and
  - (i) an antisense oligonucleotide capable of hybridizing with, and inhibiting the translation of, the mRNA encoded by a gene encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1, or another mammalian homologue thereof].